YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

What's happening in and about the Yankee Air Museum

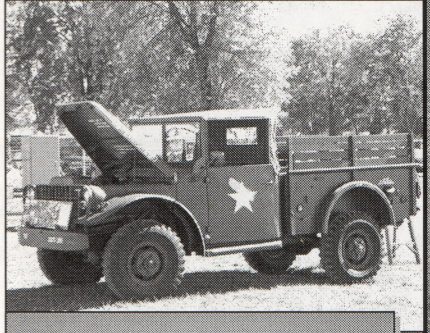
The Newsletter of the Yankee Air Museum

NOVEMBER 2005

Some images from the Volunteer Appreciation gathering

See much more in color by linking from the Yankee web site!

The weather was absolutely perfect for Yankee Volunteer Appreciation Day. Thanks to all the volunteers and their families. You are the FORCE in Yankee Air Force, that keep the Yankee Air Museum alive and well. Clockwise, starting at right. VP **Dick Stewart** and President **Jon Stevens** announce the honorable mentions and the Volunteers of the Year winners, **Phil Kennedy, Bill Colwell, Robert Campbell and Socratis Stergiou**; a great turn out under the tent; **Don Burke** was remembered along with **Louise** and **Charlie Greenwald** (bulletin board by **Bette Watson**); the Yankee Lady came by after FLEX rides and there was a surprise appearance by the newly restored M-37 ***driven*** down from Milford, MI by **Les Kellogg** (center) and **Ted Edmonds** (right) shown with other "pit crew" members **Dale Feigley, Frank Nieman** and **Chuck Bray** (**Steve Fisanick, Bill Rodgers** not available)



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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs & Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

by Pete Petersen

7-8 Nov 1836	First long-distance aerial voyage: 480 miles over England in a **hydrogen balloon**
8 Nov 1950	F-80 downs MiG-15 over Korea in **first jet to jet combat**
10 Nov 1775	**US Marine Corps** established
11 Nov 1919	President Wilson proclaims **Armistice Day**
11 Nov 1954	Armistice Day renamed **Veterans Day**
11 Nov 1956	First flight of the B-58 **Hustler** supersonic bomber
12-15 Nov 1942	**Battle of Guadalcanal**, Solomon Is. Decisive U.S. naval victory
13 Nov 1943	57 B-24s (and 62 B-25s) made heaviest raid of WWII on New Guinea
14 Nov 1966	C-141 **Starlifter** first jet aircraft to land in Antarctica
22 Nov 1963	**President Kennedy** assassinated
24 Nov 1944	U.S. begins regular **B-29** raids on Tokyo from bases in the Marianas. Led by the *Dauntless Dotty* piloted by Rosie O'Donnell and Robert K. Morgan
24 Nov 1988	B-2 **Stealth Bomber** unveiled

The October 50/50 raffle was won by
Bill Wier
who donated his portion to
radios for the C-47

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DECEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE NOVEMBER 11H, BUT BETTER TO TURN IN ITEMS NOVEMBER 1ST OR BEFORE

The Hangar 2 Report

*by **Jon Stevens** L 4172 WR*

DAVE STONOSKI

As I write this (two days before the fire's anniversary and the 4th annual *Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque*), I'd like to talk about the people nominated for this year's *Volunteers Of The Year* winners.

To honor those volunteers who really stood out, V. P. **Dick Stewart** and I created the award last year, to recognize both long time members who provide the continuity we need, as well as the "newbies" who really stand out.

A lot of people stepped forward after the fire to get us back on our feet, and into the air. The first thing we had to do was find office space, and get the phones working. **Chuck Hawes** and **Rich Whiteside** from the *Michigan Institute of Aeronautics* came to our rescue by offering us that space. **Don Burke** and **Ron Olson** got our phone transferred over, and we were in business by Monday afternoon.

I know a lot of people pitched in, but the four that especially stick out in my mind are **Ken Chio**, **Casey Hines**, **Mary Jane Medlock** and **Dave Wright**. These folks manned the phones and took a lot of calls on our behalf. For those of us who couldn't be there all day long, they were our ears.

We had a lot of television and radio news coverage that weekend, but needed to keep our name and cause in the public eye. The guy who kept us going there was the guy with a Rolodex file the size of a Ferris wheel, Public Relations Director, **Bob Hynes**. Bob got several of us on the air, so we could talk about the fire, our plans, and where we wanted to go.

While the flyable aircraft were saved, we had no place to work on them, let alone parts or tools to repair them with. Airport Manager **Sean Brosnan** came to our rescue on the first issue, by letting us move into space in Hangar 2, where we're well established today.

Amongst others, the aircraft crew chiefs, **Norm Ellickson**, **Fred Lockwood** and **John Stahley**, and Aircraft Inspector **Tom Collard**, started calling around, and found a lot of the necessary parts and tools to get the job done.

Once we knew we could fly the planes, we had to have pilots to do so. **Randy Hotton** and **Ray Hunter** in Flight Ops took care of that, improving the process as well.

After we moved into the first offices in Hangar 2, we had to keep the phones manned. Docents Director Dave Wright, with an especially strong assist from **Mike Johnston** got it done.

Losing so many artifacts meant almost completely starting over again with our collections. **Chris Causley** pitched in by picking up artifacts from donors, and just plain pitching in wherever he was needed.

Despite our losses, the *Hangar Happenin's* show had to go on. **Dave Steiner** did a great job doing so, and didn't miss a beat; let alone an issue.

Once we were in Hangar 2, we had to make it usable. **Keith Jones** and **Bob Richards** got the job done; giving us better facilities than we've ever had.

Yet despite all of their hard work, these folks "only" get an *Honorable Mention*. We had four individuals really standout this year, and they're the one's we'll honor this year.

This year's long time member winners are **Robert Campbell** and **Bill Colwell**, and the new members are **Phil Kennedy** and **Socratis "Soc" Stergiou**.

Hangar 2 gave us a lot of space, but it is shared with other airport tenants. As Deputy Director of Security, Robert Campbell worked long and hard to keep our space, gear and people safe, and significantly improved the department. He also played the lead role in getting the old hangar site cleaned up, and saved us over $100,000.

Director Bill Colwell has served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for three years, creating and streamlining the process we use to manage our $1.36 budget. He also worked hard to make sure this year's *Thunder Over Michigan* could work with a severely reduced budget; succeeding beautifully with both tasks.

Phil Kennedy regularly puts in a lot of late hours in the Technology Group, which manages our computer network and website. Phil's the guy who's led in getting new offices wired, computer's installed, and users supported. The changes he's had to deal with in the last year were challenging, and he's been up to the job.

Utility players are vital to any volunteer driven organization. They dig in, and do a lot of grunt work that is often unseen. The guy who really stood out this year was Soc Stergiou. He's an active part of the Security Department, and is always there at events and around Hangar 2, pitching in when and where he can. People like that are tough to find, let alone keep, and we're lucky having him.

As always, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me at

(734) 637-2117

or e-mail me at:

jon.stevens@yankeeairmuseum.org

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, LET'S KEEP TALKING, AND KEEP 'EM FLYING!

BOARD REPORT

21 September 2005
by **Dave Steiner**
edited by **Dick Stewart**

AGENDA

Call to Order 8 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
State of Purpose
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: 24 August
Insurance for NMUSAF aircraft
Expenditures for B-17
President's Report
Divisional Liaison Reports
Vice President's Report
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Board Members' Comments
All Members' Comments
Adjournment

Insurance for aircraft on loan from NMUSAF

The board passed a motion to purchase insurance in the amount of $664,000 for the aircraft on loan in the airpark from the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The premium is $8300 per year with a $5000 deductible policy. The insurance company agreed with the values of the aircraft stipulated by the NMUSAF. The loan agreement with NMUSAF requires that YAM be responsible for the aircraft, including maintenance and replacement value.

Items for B-17

The board authorized the purchase of two jacks for the B-17, totaling $10,200 to replace jacks destroyed in the fire. The main landing gear of the aircraft must be rebuilt this winter and the jacks are necessary to allow removal and replacement of the gear. Labor to R & R the gear is provided by Yankee volunteers, and a local company will make the new bushings at no charge. (*editor's note: FLEX rides bring in a good deal of money, but operating the plane isn't cheap. Crew Chief **Norm Ellickson** budgets maintenance at $1200/hr for every hour it flies. This year the aircraft will exceed 150 hours. More than 1000 FLEX rides have been given at $400 each, our best year ever*).

Hawkins & Powers, a fire bomber operation that has gone out of business (the Privateer in the airpark was acquired from them) has some spare B-17 parts and the board authorized the expenditure of $20,500 to purchase those.

President and Vice President's reports

Jon Stevens reported on actions involving the Lapeer (mid Michigan) division. The separation of that division from Yankee is not yet complete. VP **Dick Stewart** has been in meetings with Eastern Michigan University regarding projects and cooperation between the University and Yankee. New offices upstairs at H-2 are being readied for Yankee to move into.

Michigan Aerospace Foundation

MAF head and Yankee member #1, **Dennis Norton** reported on a publicity event held prior to the board meeting at Lakeshore Apartments on Grove Rd. south of Ypsilanti. The B-17, in conjunction with FLEX rides normally given on Wednesdays, did a fly-over of the event and the management company presented a check to Dennis and **Jack Lousma** of MAF for $5000 (see picture on page 9) for the museum rebuilding fund.

Treasurer's report

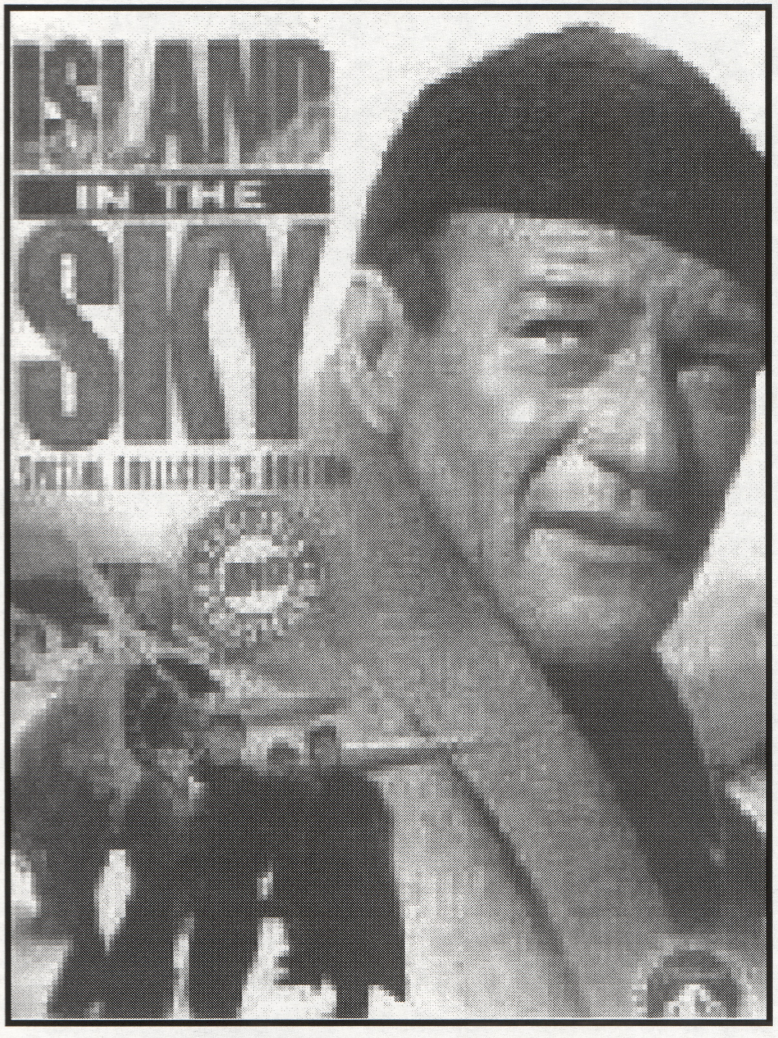
Les Klima reported that YAM had a net income of $208,000 for August. That includes net proceeds in excess of $140,000 for Thunder over Michigan. Through the second quarter of the year (end of June) our net figure to the good is $102,995. Last year through the end of the second quarter there was a loss of $7,567. So we are in much better shape financially so far this year than last.

Florida division

Florida has filed for a new name, Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum, which has been approved by the State of Florida. They have not been granted 501 (c) (3) status by the IRS, but it will be retroactive once approved. Until that occurs, the Florida division must operate according to the rules of the Yankee Air Museum headquarters in Michigan.

Reports for other divisions were postponed until next month due to time.

YANKEE MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS with a John Wayne classic

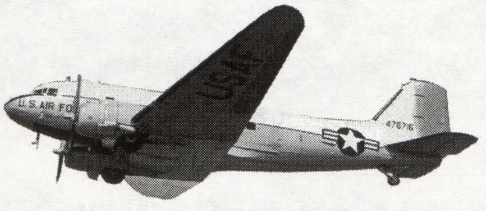


Yes we realize that in January we should be showing a movie about someplace warm and sunny, not the arctic, but it has not been possible to see this movie in quite some time. Now available on DVD, and with our new projector and screen, the Yankee movie theater is in full operation, including ***surround sound***. Don't miss it!

Open to the public. Non-members who join Yankee this night will have $5 of the event fee go toward their membership fees.

RECENTLY RE-RELEASED!

Featuring the *Yankee Doodle Dandy* C-47 Skytrain



Movie, soda and popcorn are free. Your admission fee is to tour the airplane and raise funds for Yankee. Bring your friends and encourage them to join!

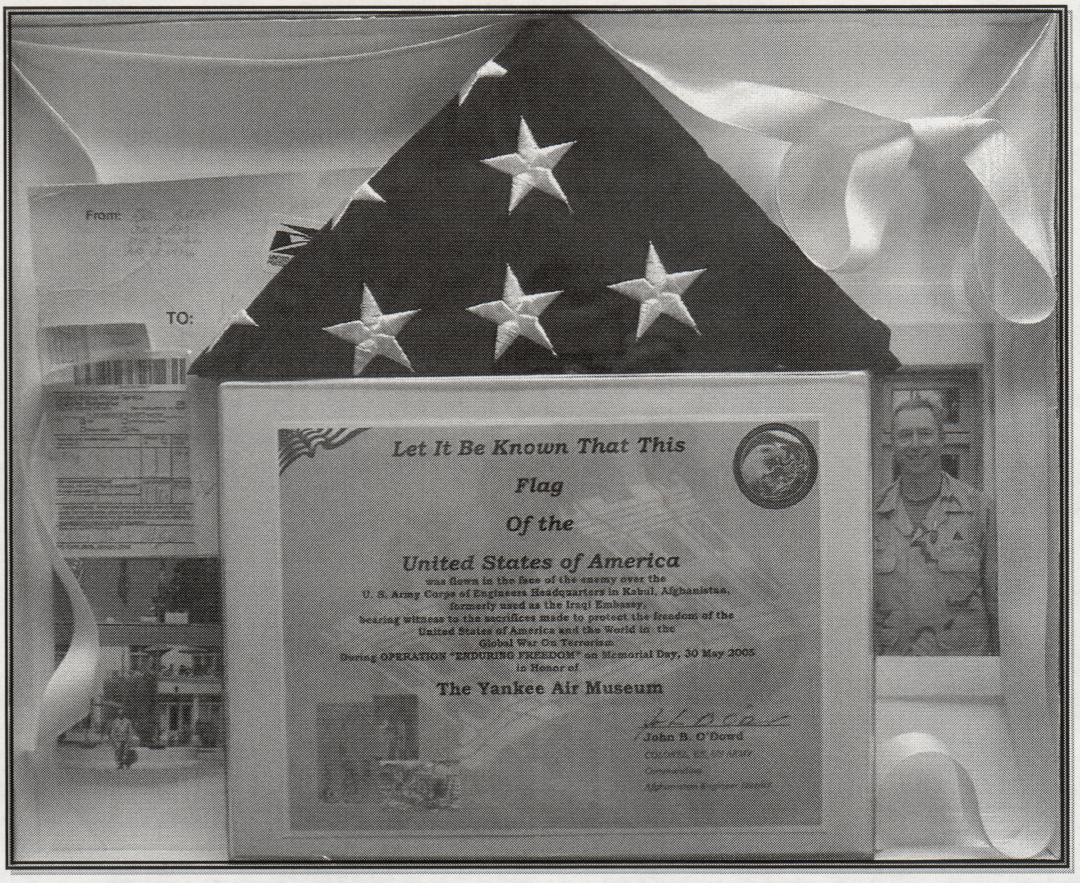
To make reservations for this event, complete and mail this form with your check payable to:
Yankee Air Museum - Movie Night, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590
Call **(734) 483-4030** for more information or to charge by credit card ($10 min.)

Saturday
January 21st
2006
6:00 PM

Name_____ Phone (___)_____

Member seats ____ x $5 = _____ **Non-Member** seats ____ x $10 = _____ Total = $_____

To have tickets sent to you by mail include a self addressed stamped envelope, otherwise they will be held at the door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Let It Be Known That This
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Of the
United States of America
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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan,
formerly used as the Iraqi Embassy,
bearing witness to the sacrifices made to protect the freedom of the
United States of America and the World in the
Global War On Terrorism
During OPERATION "ENDURING FREEDOM" on Memorial Day, 30 May 2005
in Honor of
The Yankee Air Museum
John B. O'Dowd

Flag flown in Iraq for Yankee Air Museum

This flag was flown in Iraq on Memorial Day, 30 May 2005 in honor of the **Yankee Air Museum** at the request of Yankee member **Eric Aubrey**, stationed with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq. He is on his second tour of duty in the theater. The flag has been donated to the Museum.

Fabric class starts Saturday 3 December 0900

Bill Rodgers will be holding a series of fabric covering classes (for all you dopes) beginning this December. Cost for members will be $20, a portion of which will go to the building recovery fund. The balance will cover material costs for the classes. Cost for non-members is $30, and if they join that day, the extra $10 will be applied toward membership fee. Registration is on-site only, Hangar 2 (it is heated!). Show up at 0900. Class size is not restricted, so bring all your friends. The fee covers all sessions over the winter. Future dates will be announced. All steps of the fabric covering process will be demonstrated, right through paint. This Yankee event gives you a chance to get some hands-on experience regarding a process from the golden age of aviation. Don't miss this opportunity*!*

ATTENTION
A-TEAM members
GARBAGE GRUNTS
F-TROOP members

If you didn't get a Thunder Shirt, contact Dave Steiner at (800) 874-8660 or dsteiner@blackmoreco.com

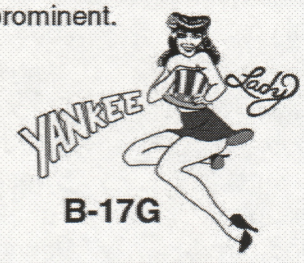
New phone numbers for Yankee aircraft rides

There are now Yankee cell phones to facilitate ride coordination on Yankee aircraft.

B-25 (734) 546-8005
B-17 (734) 546-8003
C-47 (734) 546-8002

STAY WARM IN STYLE

Order our new *Yankee Lady* sweatshirt or winter jacket. Both items are navy blue and feature embroidery sewn on the front and back. Six bright colors are used. Silver, red and black are most prominent.



LEFT FRONT CHEST 4" DIA.

Our jacket will keep you warm this winter. It has a wind-resistant nylon shell lined with fleece. Stretch knit waistband and cuffs keep the cold out. Exterior and interior pockets are secured with pull tab zippers. The heavyweight sweatshirt has long sleeves and a crew neck.

YANKEE AIR FORCE

BACK OF JACKET OR SWEATSHIRT 10" WIDE X 7" HIGH

New Design

Winter Jacket	**$159.00**	Michigan residents	**$168.54**
Sweatshirt	**$69.00**	Michigan residents	**$73.14**

CIRCLE the item you wish to order: **Winter Jacket** **Heavyweight Sweatshirt**

CIRCLE the size: **Men's Medium** **Men's Large** **Men's XL** **Men's 2XL**

Allow 3 to 6 weeks for free delivery. Use previous issues of *Hangar Happenin's* to buy other items not shown in this ad. You can also click on *Yankee Store* at *yankeeairmuseum.org* to print out an order form. **ORDER NOW!**

Make your check payable to the **YANKEE AIR FORCE**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **Best time to call** _____

E-MAIL address _____

Mail this order form to:

YANKEE LADY
MAIL ORDER OFFER
YANKEE AIR FORCE
P.O. BOX 590
BELLEVILLE, MI 48112-0590

Get a move on - help needed to move donated Quonset hut

The Quonset hut donated to Yankee by Van Buren schools needs to be dismantled and moved to a storage location before winter weather arrives. This is a historic structure, original to the Willow Run air base. By the time you read this work will have already begun, but we can always use more hands. No special expertise is required, just a lot of manual labor to prepare the structure for dismantling and among other things, remove, mark and stack the steel panels and other parts on pallets in an orderly fashion so the reassembly can go smoothly.

Contact **Don Brackett** below or **Robert Campbell** (734) 975-1176

AAHS at H-2 Nov 19th

The American Aviation Historical Society program for November will include a presentation and slides taken by Amanda Debevc on her trip last April to dive on war wrecks in the South Pacific. This trip was sponsored by her dive club in Cleveland. It was a dream trip for Amanda and she's happy to share the experience with Yankee members. She saw the Yankee aircraft at the Cleveland show this summer and was very impressed.

So if you want to see some warm pictures of the South Pacific, show up at Hangar 2 at 7pm, Saturday November 19th. Admission is FREE

Hangar site clean up - Robert Campbell

As a result of the fire, the Yankee Air Museum incurred a liability of as much as $110,000 to remove 40 cubic yards of assorted ash and debris contaminated with radioactive radium 226 (the "glowing" material from self-illuminated switches and gauges that were part of the collection). The material was scattered across nearly 10,000 square feet of the old parking lot.

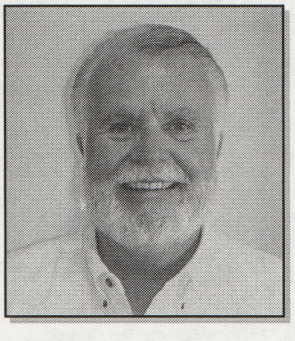
Thanks to the efforts of volunteer members, who picked, shoveled and sorted through all this material, the museum realized savings of $106,000. The 40 cubic yards was reduced to one barrel of low level radioactive waste, with a disposal cost of only $3,700.

Blair, Nathan
Bomar, Bob
Burke, Don
Campbell, Robert
Causley, Chris
Chidester, Cheryl
Collard, Tom
Colwell, Bill
Cox, Mike
Dietrich, Jim
Drews, Ted
Ellickson, Norm
Gannon, Pat
Gantz, Bob
Greenwald, Charlie
Hudson, Al
Hudson, Mike
Johnston, Michael
Kanitz, Rex
Klima, Les
Korzetz, Lisa
Kosek, Joe
Koslowski, Dwight
Laird, Bob
Lescoe, Chris
Leugers, Joe
Lockwood, Fred
Lowry, Dave
Luther, Jerry
Luther, Mike
Nell, Richard
Perry, Michelle
Peters, Aaron
Peterson, Roger
Pilz, Bob
Roberts, Gayle
Roedding John
Rucker, Jim
Scotford, Al
Spires, Jane
Stahley, John
Steiner, Dave
Stergiou, Socratis
Stevens, Jon
Stewart, Dick
Szerdi, Andy
Sweeney, Carl
Tonak, Bill
Vance, Barret
Zahner-Palyka, Tassie

Thanks to these **Yankee Air Force** volunteers for all their hard work. Well done!

This project could not have been completed without the assistance and guidance of TR Wentworth, State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT? NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?



Don Brackett is our Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Don to see how your unique talents and skills can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

(248) 425-2855
donb-38@sbcglobal.net

If you have a job to be done, Don suggests that you write a brief description of what you need done, when, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

Don will match a volunteer to the job!

Event planning and facilitators needed for *your* Yankee events

Long Range Planning Committee is in need of event captains/facilitators to help take the load off people who are already taking on quite a lot of responsibility at Yankee Air Museum. You won't be alone in helping a Yankee event go smoothly, but you will be the point person to be assigned helper/volunteers (maybe recruit a few too) and they will report to you. It will be your job for one event only, to make sure things happen and go smoothly.

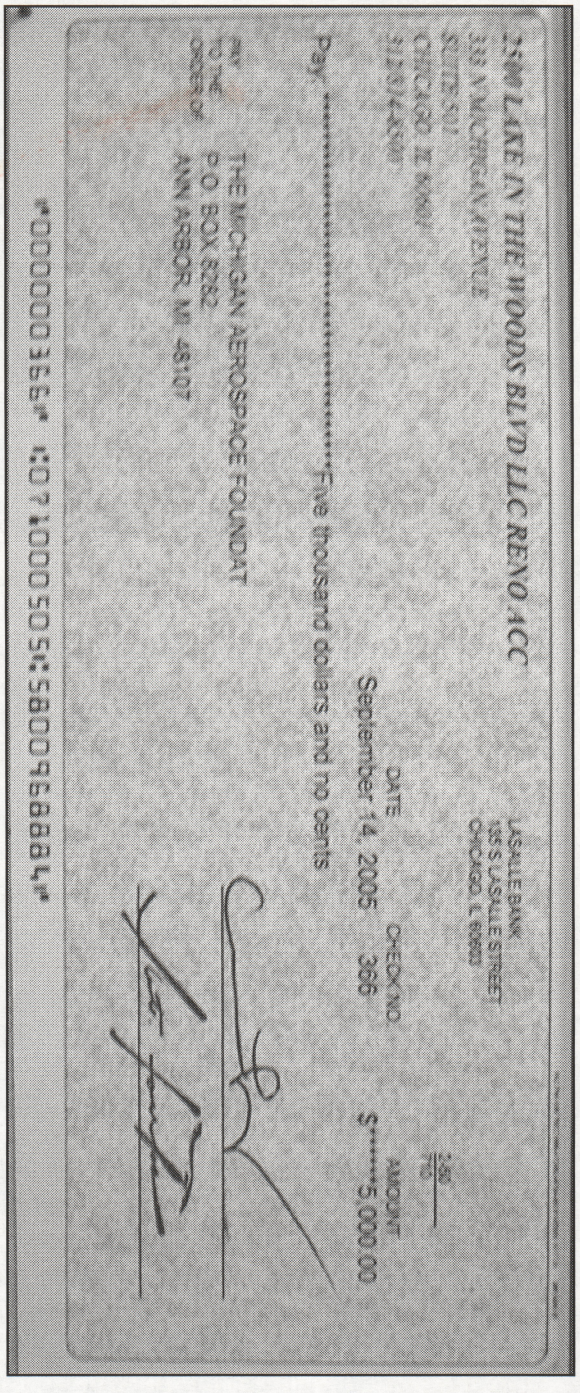
While being an event captain may not be as rewarding or glamorous as being a Garbage Grunt, events to raise money and get members and the public to the museum are essential to our long term survival. A new captain will be in charge of each event, and report to and be aided by Event Coordinator Debbie Stewart and/or other LRPC members.

Here are the list of events for which volunteers are needed to captain or just help out.

Veteran's Day Movies all day - Randy Hotton
November 11th
Christmas Party
December 10th - report to Debbie Stewart
Movie Night
January 21st
Hearts to Yankee Auction Dinner/Dance
February 18th - Debbie Stewart
Movie Night
March
Polishing Party
April
Spaghetti Dinner
April
Memorial Day Open House
May

Call the museum at (734) 483-4030 or contact Don Brackett, (information on page 8) so he may get you in touch with the proper people.

THANKS FOR HELPING OUT *YOUR* MUSEUM!



In Memory Of...

Don Burke
Louise & Charles Greenwald

What's happening in and about the-
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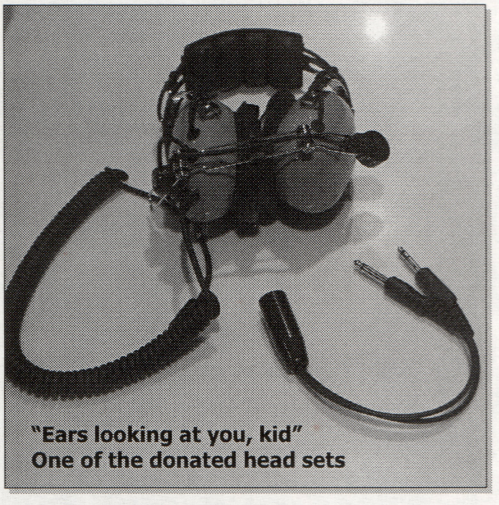
More on the Stinson - Ray Hunter

The Stinson lifted off on Sunday, August 14th with pilot and crew chief **Gunner Ingle** at the controls. After just over a year of gathering dust in a hangar at the Howell Airport in Livingston County the aircraft was finally ready for flight. The aircraft sustained damage to the left wing and left horizontal stabilizer in August of 2004 during a landing at the airport in Howell, Michigan.

The airport at Howell is well-known throughout the local aviation community for its tricky wind currents. For reasons that are not exactly known or apparent, its one and only runway somehow got built perpendicular to the direction of the prevailing surface winds in southeastern Michigan. There are, in fact, T-Shirts printed with "I survived the crosswinds at Howell."

When the aircraft was damaged, we soon learned that Stinson parts are extremely difficult to find as there were only approximately 500 of the aircraft built and fewer than three hundred of the gull-winged aircraft remain in a flyable state. The repair process included removal of the wing and shipping it to Texas to a shop that specializes in Stinson repairs. The wing and tail feather repair, covering and painting process took approximately six months.

The aircraft was flown by Gunner Ingle to Saginaw where the avionics were tested and calibrated. **Ray Hunter** and **Scott Johnson** flew to Saginaw on the 23rd of August in Ray's Cessna 140. Ray flew the Stinson back to Willow Run while Scott flew Ray's Cessna on the return trip.



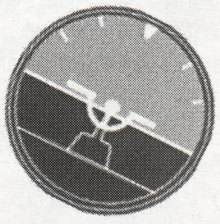
"Ears looking at you, kid"
One of the donated head sets

Many thanks must go to the following YAF members who assisted in repairing the Stinson: Crew Chief and pilot "Gunner" Ingle, **Bill Rodgers**, **Ted Edmonds**, **Les Kellogg**, **Scott Johnson**, **Mike McCarville**, **George Regan** and **Jack Blanchard**.

Special thanks must go the folks at Airservices at the Howell airport. Randy Dippold, his son Andrew, and his father Walt helped out tremendously by providing hangar space for the Stinson and also provided many parts, nuts, bolts, tools, and expertise. Mike Fahey, one of Randy's mechanics, was never too busy to help out with the Stinson. Mike Weathers did a great job matching the paint and applying the trim. Every one of Randy's people had a great attitude and was extremely helpful in getting the Stinson back into the air.

Thanks must also be given to the Western Michigan University Flight Operations department for the donation of two David Clark head sets. Thanks to Ron Magesi, of Livingston Flight, for donating a brand-new David Clark headset. The Garmin Corporation was instrumental in helping to replace communications and navigation equipment that was lost in the hangar fire.

The aircraft will now be grounded for several months until fabrication and installation of a tail wheel locking device. We also need to replace bearings in the flight control surfaces and paint the aileron and gear leg fairings and make other cosmetic changes.



"Gyro is okay. I caged it before that 3G roll we did, I just forgot to unlock it"

ON THE HORIZON

AIR PARK

East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR

Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

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NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2nd — MEMBERSHIP MEETING ***SPECIAL*** PROGRAM
P-38 ***San Joaquin Siren.*** Dave Brown, ATC at Ann Arbor tower and hyper-scale modeler will talk about recreating this aircraft flown by Capt. Bill Behrns (**Dave Steiner's** uncle) in the skies of Burma. Dave jumped at the chance to show off his skills making the special twin dragon paint job this plane had. Yankee member **Linda Terentiak** helped recreate the nose art.

Friday 11th — Veteran's Day movie fest - movies all day long at H-2

FREE !

Battle of Britain
The Bridges at Toko-Ri
We were Soldiers once... and Young
Black Hawk Down

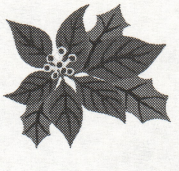
Amanda Debevc

Saturday 19th — **AAHS** (American Aviation Historical Society) presentation 7pm Hangar 2
SCUBA diving on WWII wrecks in the South Pacific - Amanda Debevc
A chance to see some warm pictures on a cool fall evening - more on page 8

DECEMBER

Saturday 3rd — Fabric Class starts - Hangar 2, 0900, details on page six (fee charged)

Sunday 18th — Christmas Party - UAW Local 735 2 pm
48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI (near Denton Rd)
Pot Luck style - please bring a dish to pass



JANUARY

Saturday 21st — Movie Night - ***Island in the Sky***, starring John Wayne (details, page five)

FEBRUARY

Saturday 18th — Hearts to Yankee Auction fund raiser

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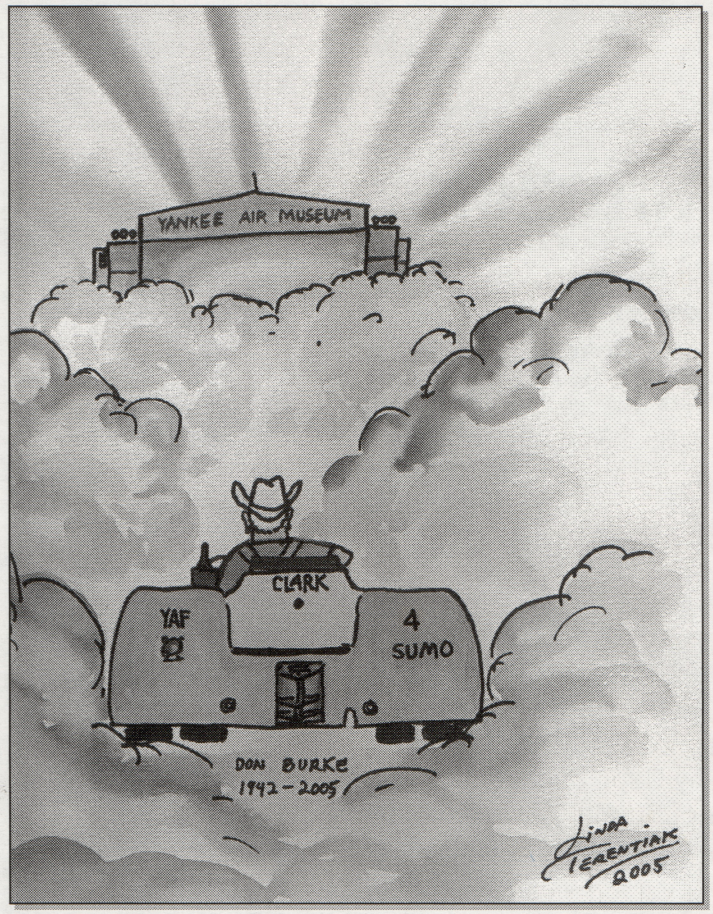

Don Burke - In Memoriam

There was no volunteer more appreciated than **Don Burke,** and yet he was very unassuming about the many hats he wore for Yankee through the years. The watercolor painting at left by Yankee member **Linda Terentiak**, captures what may well be the quintessential image that many of us have of Don: busy during an air show, or when the planes return home after an air show, driving the SUMO TUG, only this time driving himself to that Hangar in the sky. Don was an integral part of the Yankee Air Museum from early on. From cleaning out floor drains in the old Hangar when it was first acquired to tackling computer and telephone system problems, or dealing with Hangar Happenin's, Don, by his actions, showed that getting the job done, and thinking first of the organization, was what mattered.

The Yankee Board has established a scholarship in Don's name (he wished it to be announced posthumously) that will be awarded annually to a person pursuing studies in aviation ground support, be that ground crew or aviation administration. That's where Don made his mark at Yankee. We know the Hangar "up there" is in better hands now.

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